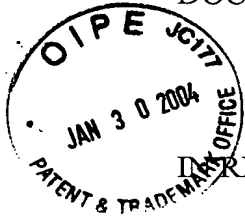


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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
YUKI MIYAZAWA ET AL : EXAMINER: PRYOR, A. N.
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PLANT AND METHOD FOR TILLERING
PROMOTION OF PLANT

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

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SIR:

Now comes Yuki Miyazawa, Masahiko Kurauchi, Makoto Takeuchi, and Hiroyuki Sato, who depose and state that:

1. We are the named inventors of U.S. Patent No. 6,448,202 (Miyazawa et al).
2. Yuki Miyazawa, Masahiko Kurauchi, and Hiroyuki Sato are the inventors of the invention disclosed and claimed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/987,549 ("the '549 application").
3. Makoto Takeuchi did not contribute inventively to the invention disclosed and claimed in the '549 application.
4. Any disclosure in Miyazawa et al of the invention disclosed and claimed in the '549 application is the work of Yuki Miyazawa, Masahiko Kurauchi, and Hiroyuki Sato, and not the work of Makoto Takeuchi.

5. We declare further that all statements made of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

6. Further Declarants saith not.

Yuki Miyazawa

Date

Masahiko Kurauchi

Date

Makoto Takeuchi

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Hiroyuki Sato

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